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A romantic tale lies behind a bald wireless message from the Kara Sea, relayed from Moscow, announcing the arrival off the Siberian coast of three British ships, the Loos, the Arcos and the Leonid Krassin.

These vessels left the Thames on August 2 to reopen the trade route discovered by the famous Captain Wiggins in the 'eighties. The present expedition was arranged by the London shipping agents of the Soviet Government, and was commanded by the famous Russian explorer, Commander Vilkitzky, but the captains and crews of the ships are British.

Elaborate arrangements were made to ensure the safety of the expedition, which is timed to return in two months.

The Soviet wireless stations along the coast were instructed to issue reports of the breaking up of the ice, but the prospects of the ships becoming icebound were not overlooked, and each is provided with fuel for a year and extra wireless equipment with special direction finders, and an apparatus-styled James's submarine senny. The "senny" is fixed to the bottom of the vessel, and rings a bell on deck when shallow water is reached.

The Arcos and the Loos are bound for the mouth of the Obi River, and the Leonid Krassin for the mouth of the Yenissy River, where it is to meet barges laden with produce from the heart of Siberia, which will be exchanged for cargoes of agricultural implements, medical stores, chemicals, metals, boilers and electrical apparatus.

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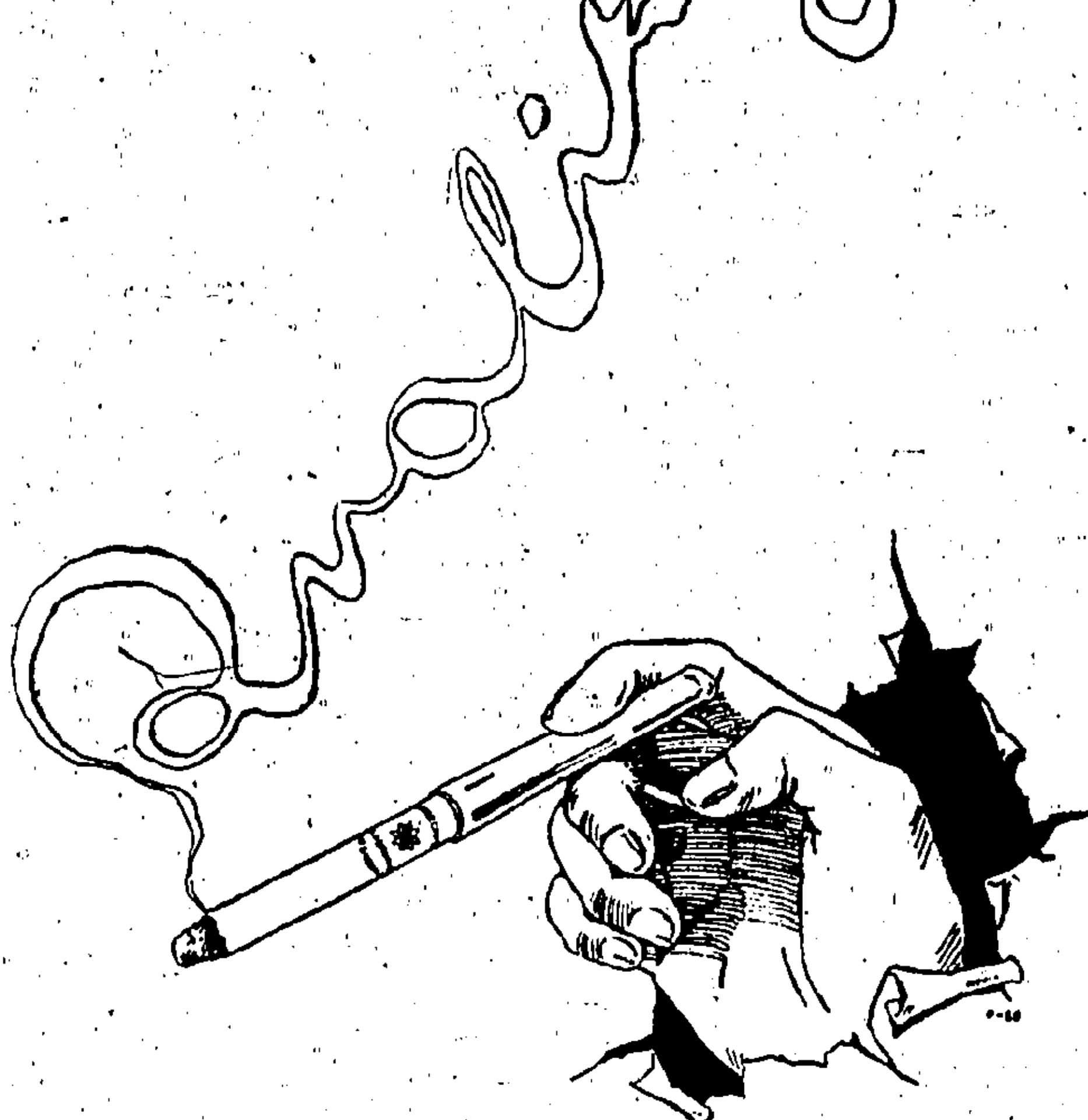
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Killed by Rocket.

While a boy of four, Frederick Budd, of 62, Manchester-road, E., was in some pleasure gardens on the bank of the Thames at Poplar watching a fireworks display from a pleasure steamer a falling rocket struck him. The rocket entered the child's body, causing a fatal wound.

Women In Betting Raid.

At Tower Bridge seven women, a boy, and twelve men were charged as a result of a raid on a betting house in Southwark Bridge-road. It was stated that in three days the police saw 47 men, 53 women, and 11 children go to the house. John Donovan, 52, and his wife were fined £10 each for keeping a betting house, and the others were bound over as frequenters.

Cider Competitions.

Birmingham is to be the scene of the fourth Imperial Fruit Show, to be held in Bingley Hall from October 24 to November 1. For the first time the programme will include cider competitions. There are separate classes for sweet and dry cider of any age, and also three classes for cider fruit. The apple crop, despite its fine early promise, is proving relatively poor, but nevertheless the show is likely to be an excellent one.

Non-Swearing Club.

Miners of New Brancepeth, Durham, who formed a non-swearing club, have built a club hall with the money paid in fines by members each time they used bad language. The club has become a popular institution in the village and its membership has grown rapidly. At the opening of the hall, the Rev. G. S. B. Mack, commenting on the fact that the president of the club is a colliery manager, said: "If I were a colliery manager I would swear like a blooming trooper."

"Rat Week."

"Rat Week" in England has been fixed for November 3 to 8. Nearly 700 local authorities are now taking action against these vermin within their own borders. An addition has been made recently to the Ministry of Agriculture's exhibit in the Government Pavilion at Wembley illustrating rat destruction. The various species of rats, mice, and voles common in England are to be seen, together with some of the agencies by which they can be destroyed.

Bird Sanctuary.

Within seven miles of Paddington's busy railway terminus there is a 10-acre wood where London's birds may mate and nest undisturbed. It is the Brent Valley Bird Sanctuary, where for 20 years the Selborne Society has carried on its work. During the past season two unusual incidents occurred. First, a goldfinch's nest was discovered—the homes of these shy birds are usually a mystery. Next, the son of Mr. W. M. Webb, chairman of the Sanctuary Committee, found some young marsh tits which had been washed out of their nest during a thunderstorm. Two of them showing signs of life. He washed them and placed them in a nest of young blue tits, where the mother blue tit fed them so well that they were able to fly from the nest two days before her own offspring.

Shop in Museum.

The War Office has recently presented to the Victoria and Albert Museum a fine eighteenth-century shop front of pine wood. It was removed from premises, now demolished, at 32, Petty France, Westminster—a street in which the poet Milton lived for some years. It has just been re-erected in the west hall of the museum, and visitors gaze with interest at the fine bow window of many panes. The authorities have struck an entirely new note by arranging within a varied assortment of pottery, porcelain, Japanese lacquer, and other appropriate objects, stimulating the effect of an actual antique shop. But this "Old Curiosity Shop" has one great superiority over the shop in the street—there is no doubt that its antiques are genuine.

Silent Aeroplanes.

German scientists are attempting to nullify the sound-locators of any air-defence scheme by making raiding aeroplanes silent. An aeroplane which makes practically no noise as it moves high through the sky is becoming a much more feasible proposition recently than it has been hitherto. The whirling propellers of an aeroplane make an appreciable amount of noise, in addition to that of the motor, and the Germans are said to be reducing the length of propeller blades and experimenting with new air-screws having a number of fairly small blades instead of, say, two large ones. Squadrons of silent aeroplane raiders, baffling the new and improved listening machines, would add grave difficulties to the problems of air-defence.

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A Good Jacobite.

Mr. Theodore Napier who has died in Australia, aged 79, was for many years Scotland's most picturesque figure, wearing the dress of a feudal Highlander of the Montrose period and leading all Scottish patriotic and Jacobite movements. On one occasion he joined the General Assembly procession from Holyrood on horseback as the self-constituted representative of "the King over the water" (says a "Morning Post" writer), and he took part annually in the celebration of the Battle of Culloden and the ceremony of commemoration at the statue of King Charles I. in Trafalgar Square, London.

Royal Nurseries.

The fact that the nurseries at Chesterfield House are receiving special attention, now that there are two occupants for them, must not be taken as indicating that Princess Mary proposes to pass any great amount of time in London in the immediate future, points out the "Star." Her Royal Highness is a firm believer in bringing children up in the fresh, pure air of the country, and as far from town as possible. The Hon. George Lascelles has flourished considerably while he has been staying in Yorkshire, and is developing into a very sturdy little chap. He walks excellently, and has much improved in his talking during the past few months.

A scratch from a rib received while conducting a post-mortem examination at Manchester Royal Infirmary led to infection, and finally pneumonia, from which Dr. Albert Howarth, assistant pathologist at the infirmary, died.

Estate of the gross value of £5,577 was left by Mr. Edward S. Crawford, a retired railway engine driver, aged 76, of 15, Rising-street, Sheffield. He left £100 to his wife and all other property upon trust to her for life, with remainder to his son.

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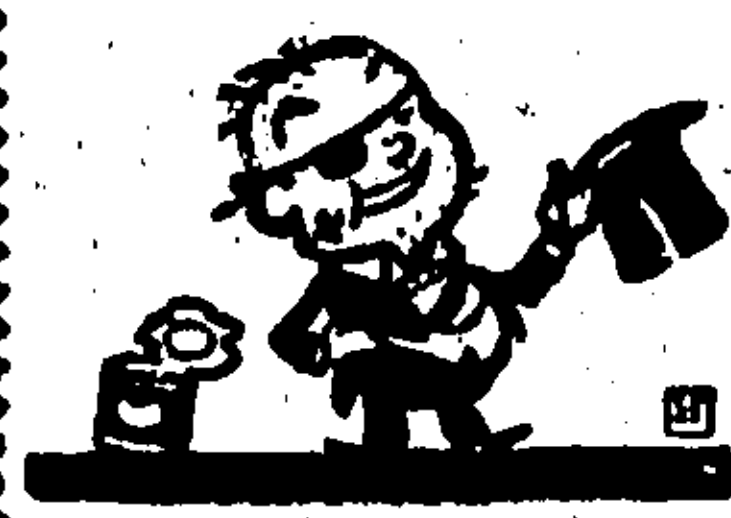
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LAZARUS.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The wedding arranged between Mr. H. U. Ireland and Miss E. A. Mackintosh will take place at the Union Church, Kennedy Road, at 3.30 p.m. on Friday, 7th November 1924. No invitations are being issued, but all friends will be welcome both at the ceremony and at the reception to be held afterwards at 1 St. John's Place.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, OCT. 22, 1924.

CANTON'S RED HERRING.

"Reports have been received in Canton for some time of plots made at Hongkong between Chan Lim-pak, the former Commandant of the Merchant Volunteer Corps, and the agents of Chen Ching-ming to overthrow the Government responsible for the slaughter of the innocents in the 'City of Rams' on Wednesday last. This is the flimsy fog from which hangs the official apology published

ed by the Press Bureau of Dr. Sun Yat-sen's government. In yesterday's issue, we published the full text of Canton's official statement.

In view, however, of the campaign of misrepresentation and slander, which is being conducted in Dr. Sun's subsidised press regarding the British Government's attitude towards Dr. Sun Yat-sen and his Government, it is necessary to deal somewhat fully with the official statement.

As we stated last week, we have no quarrel with Dr. Sun for his decision to disband the Merchant Volunteers. When, however, an official document contains so many grossly misleading statements as that under review, it is high time steps were taken to dispel the delusions under which "my government" appears chronically to labour. The widespread campaign to advance Chan Lim-pak and his pinch-back Fascist in the foreign press (sic) in Hongkong, exists only in the fertile imagination of Dr. Sun Yat-sen and his satellites. The foreign press (sic) in Hongkong is no more interested

in advertising Mr. Chan Lim-pak than it is in any other person who happens to be in the news for the moment. Of course, it serves Dr. Sun's purpose to insinuate that the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation is backing up some alleged plan of the bank's complicity to enable "a group of conspirators among the Merchant Volunteers to overthrow the Canton Government by bringing about the paralysis of the political and commercial metropolis." Obviously the Canton Government could not sit by and "watch a gang of armed men instituting a reign of terror—even a purely imaginary one—among law-abiding citizens and at the same time encompassing the Government's downfall." Several weeks ago the suspicions of the Canton Authorities were aroused with regard to the insidious intentions of Mr. Chan Lim-pak and the Volunteers; yet we are told, on page 2 of the official statement, "Government returns arms" (seized on the s.s. "Hav" after official permission for their importation had been granted). Those who believe the Canton Government's explanation can only come to the conclusion that the Volunteers are entirely to blame for the drastic action which "President" Sun felt compelled to take.

At the same time, the specious claim now put forward in the official statement has not the ring of truth and is not likely to convince those who know their China, that the circumstances justified the drastic action taken on Wednesday last. In the first place if one is to believe that there actually was any plot to overthrow the Canton Government and that the Canton Authorities were cognizant of it some weeks ago, one cannot recognize the claim put forward that they actually placed arms and ammunition in the hands of such desperate characters as the Merchant Volunteers are now alleged to be. Such action is not that of a sane man.

While we willingly give publicity to the Canton official statement, we regret that Dr. Sun Yat-sen and his advisers have not been able to put forward a better defence for the slaughter of Wednesday last. Nothing put forward in the official statement alters our opinion that violent opposition was purposely pre-supposed and that orders were given by the "compliant Bolshevik" Sun Yat-sen "to teach the rabble a lesson." We still contend that the Canton affair was butchery as cold-blooded as it was calculated. Evidence goes to prove that Dr. Sun Yat-sen himself broke faith with the Merchant Volunteers and in an attempt to justify his despicable action then and later he is now attempting to draw a red herring across the trail by putting forward charges against Mr. Chan Lim-pak and the Volunteers of plots made in Hongkong in the hopes that the outside world will accept his version of the butchery of October 15.

WHAT IS A COOLIE?

Some discussion has taken place in the North regarding the above, seemingly startling, question and much erudite knowledge has been forthcoming as a result. Unfortunately, one side has been debated from the philological point of view, and another has been taken to task for not distinguishing between the terms "coolie" and "farmer." The two Chinese characters used to denote coolie mean hard labour, and we imagine few will cavil at the interpretation given to the name or the statement that "a coolie, strictly speaking, is a hard labourer, uneducated, unskilled, industrially unclassified, selling his strength or muscle power for bread and butter and doing the hardest and most painful work for the lowest pay. That is how he appears to the foreigner. In Hongkong he may be classed as a 'coolie'—a cargo, coolie, a house coolie, a chair coolie—or just a coolie. It matters not. He is probably at the lowest rung of the social ladder in China, and so it seems regarded and treated as such by the foreigners. He is the most despised of work, but, let it be admitted, amongst the most useful. Nearly all our successful undertakings are partly to be laid to his credit. He may not have planned the docks and the wharves

which are so essential to our prosperity, nor the railway to Canton that doesn't pay; the lower level tram track that does; the Peak railway that conveys such a large number to comparative seclusion and delightful coolness; the Tai Tam reservoir did not emanate from his apparently befuddled brain, nor was it financed from his attenuated purse; nor the reclamation scheme. The list could easily be extended. Suffice it to say, that without coolie labour the progress of this and other places would be considerably retarded, and the work he now does, given into other hands, done less satisfactorily than it is. His is honourable work, which cannot lightly be said of many of the tasks that man sets himself to do. Recognising this fact, the motive should be not to despise the coolie, but rather to respect him, seeking to make his lot less irksome than it is, on the biblical dictum that "the labourer is worthy of his hire."

SHADOWS BEFORE

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

October 22.—Coronet Theatre; "Aces of Vengeance."
October 22.—Star Theatre; "Treasure Island."
October 22.—World Theatre; "The Man of Her Dreams."
October 22.—Queen's Theatre; "Woman to Woman."
October 22.—The Oriental Shows, Kowloon, commencing daily at 4 p.m.
October 22.—Theatre Royal, grand concert by the world-famous violinist, Eftem Zimbalist, 9.15 p.m.

October 25.—H.K.W.G. and M.C.L. Children's Fête.
October 28.—Theatre Royal, Italian Grand Opera Company.
October 30.—First Musicals of the season at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.
October 31.—Grand Recital at the City Hall, 5.30 p.m.

SPORTS.

October 22.—Second Bi-annual Yachting Race commencing 4 p.m.
November 8.—Sixth extra race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

DANCE.

October 25.—Dance at the Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

October 23.—Lantern Bros., at Sales Room, 154, tins, jamme acid, 11 a.m.
October 23.—Lantern Bros., at Sales Room, household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

November 6.—Further extraordinary meeting of Douglas S.S. Co., Ltd., at 20 Des Voeux Road Central, noon.
November 8.—General meeting of members of the Hongkong and China Camphor Refining Co., Ltd., at the offices of the Dairy Farm Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., Lower Albert Road, noon.

OTHER MEETINGS.

October 22.—"Control of Mind and Building of Character," will be the subject of the weekly public lecture at the Hongkong Lodge The Theosophical Society, 16, Queen's Road Central, 5.45 p.m.
October 24.—Twentieth annual meeting of members of the R.H.K.Y.C. at the Club House, North Point, 5.45 p.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Bible Circle at the Helena May Institute on Friday, October 24, will be conducted by Mrs. H. Lechmere Clift at 10.30 a.m. The meeting is open to all women.—Adv.

A sentence of three months' hard labour was meted out this morning to an unemployed Chinese for the theft of one shovel, the property of the Sanitary Department at Shamshui.

A revolver with a holster and 10 rounds of ammunition were found in the lane at the back of Messrs. Lane, Crawford's premises at 2 p.m. yesterday and brought to the Central Police Station.

A fine of \$25 was imposed on a boatman named Li Kwei, by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy, this morning, for causing an obstruction by leaving loads of sand at Yaumati, yesterday.

A Chinese male named Chiu Ho-tau, age 32, was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries. They were caused by being knocked down by motor car No. 399 at Queen's Road West yesterday.

A discovery of arms was made on the s.s. "President Grant" yesterday by Sergeant Kirby of the Water Police, the haul comprising one sporting rifle with 100 rounds of ammunition, four small boxes of caps and 100 revolver cartridges. No arrest has been made.

CORRESPONDENCE.

NOISE NUISANCE.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir—I am one of those unfortunate people who has to try to get a living in Des Voeux Road Central and am appalled and almost paralysed by the frightful row made by the drivers of the motor cars and taxicabs. Why should we have to put up with this almost intolerable nuisance. In Manila it is not allowed at all, second offence being treated with a severe fine and the third with a sentence to Billibid. Surely the proper authority can do something to abate this nuisance.

Yours truly,

A WORRIED ONE.
Hongkong, October 21.

A SHORT MEMORY.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir—Canton's Press Bureau says, in the communiqué published yesterday: "Obviously the Government could not sit by and watch a gang of armed men instituting a reign of terror among law-abiding citizens and at the same time encompassing its own downfall." This sounds very well as an excuse for shooting down the merchants. Against the Canton Government has to its credit its sitting by &c. when self-constituted labour bosses had their parasites out to terrorise peaceful Shamen employees who wanted to get back to their jobs. Is memory so short that the pickets at Shamen's bridgeheads have been forgotten? They were neither warned nor shot down.

Yours etc.,

L. S. H.
Hongkong, October 22.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"WOMAN TO WOMAN."

"Woman to Woman" which is showing at the Queen's Theatre today, is one of the best pictures produced in London that has come to Hongkong. It compares favourably with the best American productions; is elaborately mounted, beautifully photographed and well acted. Perhaps the biggest feature of the picture is the lavish interior sets and the striking costumes worn by the star, Betty Compson. The opening scenes show the Mouth Rouge in Paris and some fine lighting effects are used to advantage. There are also a number of realistic dances by Betty Compson, who went to England to star in this production.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

At 10.45 p.m. yesterday a Chinese male was knocked down by motor car No. 709 at Des Voeux Road Central. His left leg was injured, but not seriously, though he had to be taken to the Tung Hospital.

At the Harbour Office there has been posted a notice to mariners relating to shoal water in Wei-hai-wei anchorage. Full details are given, based on a survey carried out by officers of the China Squadron in August this year.

The case in which Lo Shu-fan and Charles Kent are charged with conspiracy to defraud was resumed at the Central Magistracy yesterday, when the evidence of Mak Nam-mun, a solicitor's clerk, and the further evidence of Ho Sai-lok, the young son of the complainant, Mrs. Wong Tak-yin, was taken. During the course of the examination of the latter witness, the prosecuting counsel (Mr. M. K. Lo) suggested reading out to him the terms of the agreement, but Mr. Davidson, for the defence, objected to this course, and after further evidence as to what he knew of the whole affair, the hearing was adjourned until to-morrow afternoon.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Lieut.-Col. G. R. V. Steward, of the Inniskilling Fusiliers, has been appointed Military Attaché at Peking.

Mr. Chau Siu-ki has forwarded a further sum of \$1,000 to the Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals, representing twelve donations collected by him from Chinese friends.

The members and committee of the Chinese Merchant's Club were at home to their friends at the Club's premises yesterday afternoon. All of the Colony's prominent Chinese members were present as were also a number of the foreign community.

The engagement is announced between Mr. Frederick P. Frank, eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Frank, of Bourne-mouth, Hants, England, and Miss Gladys L. Murdoch, only daughter of the Rev. A. G. Murdoch, M.A., B.D., and Mrs. Murdoch, of Glass, Huntley, Scotland.

DOCTOR THREATENED.

MEDICAL MAN SCARES FOOTPADS.

CALDER PATH INCIDENT.

Dr. J. C. Dalmahy Allan has only just reported to the police that at 11 o'clock on the night of October 7, while he was proceeding up Calder Path, he met two Chinese males, one of whom made a threatening movement towards him, calling out "ta" (Chinese for "strike"). Dr. Allan swung a heavy bag he was carrying at his assailant, in doing which he lost his balance and fell down. On rising he found his assailants had made off. Calder Path, it may be mentioned, runs from Kennedy Road to Macdonnell Road.

HIGHWAY ROBBERS.

DARING ATTACK ON HILL-SIDE.

WOMEN VICTIMS.

Toh Mo-ching, spinster, of 1, Po Wa Street, while walking along Smithfield Path, which leads from the slaughter houses to the cemetery, in company with her elder sister, her brother, age 10, and a maid, were accosted at the junction of Mr. Davis Road at about 3.30 p.m. yesterday by three Chinese males who had followed them up the path. Producing daggers, they threatened the party, and escaped down after hill-side towards Jubilee Road, after relieving them of money and jewellery to the value of \$81.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

QUARTERMASTER SENT TO PRISON.

POSSESSION OF ARMS.

At the Criminal Sessions yesterday afternoon, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, the first case heard was one of being in possession of arms.

The prisoner was William Earl Hastings, formerly quartermaster of the "President McKinley." He pleaded guilty.

Mr. Hazlerigg, stating the case for the Crown, said that accused was stopped on Kowloon Wharf by a Chinese Revenue Officer on September 22, and taken to the Revenue Office for the purpose of search by Officer Lannigan.

The search revealed five brown paper packages hidden inside the man's shirt and these contained one revolver, one stock, one barrel, a clip containing four rounds, and three items comprising a complete Luger pistol, and 320 rounds of ammunition suitable to the weapons.

The accused had offered no resistance to search, and throughout had made a clean breast of the affair, saying that he was asked to take the articles ashore by the No. 1 Chinese butcher. As the butcher owed him a large sum of money he had thought he would retain the guns and ammunition until the sum was repaid. It was obvious that the accused knew he was committing a crime as notices were posted in all ships and the serious nature of the offence was generally known.

His Honour addressed the prisoner briefly before passing sentence and reminded him that owing to the importation of arms into the Colony by outside persons, many police officers had been killed and wounded in the execution of their duty and a large number of private citizens subjected to robbery and wounding. It was a very serious matter. Continuing, he said that he had considered prisoner's position, who as a quartermaster of a mail steamer was no doubt a man of unblemished character, but he could not see his way clear to inflict a lighter sentence than nine months' imprisonment, with hard labour. Sentence was accordingly passed and prisoner, whose appearance had created a decidedly favourable impression, received it with the silence which has characterised his bearing since the day of his arrest.

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Joseph Gould & Co. kindly supply the following share quotations ruling on the Shanghai market this morning:

Langkats	18 1/2	Buyers
Ewos	10 1/2	Buyers
Shanghai Docks	06	Buyers
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NAVY LEAGUE CONCERT.

LAST NIGHT'S BRILLIANT SUCCESS.

Little difficulty will be found in agreeing with the Hon. Mr. Holyoak that last night's Navy League Concert—apart from its charitable appeal—gave good value for the money paid for admission, and compared more than favourably with any concert, amateur or professional, previously given in the Colony. There were a number of items submitted which raised the concert to a high pitch worthy of careful criticism and relieved it somewhat from a flood of vocal contributions which otherwise would have swamped it. But the audience had assumed no critical mantle and was as generous in its appreciation to all who helped as it was in its overflowing attendance. It seemed strange that a band connected with a military regiment should set the tone to the concert and give it its only outstanding naval character. The band of the 1st East Surrey Regiment opened with a dashing performance of Ansell's "Fly-mouth Hoe" and later gave a Fantasia—Miller's "Trafalgar." The former proved its claim to being music; but the latter appealed by reason of its "scenic" effects, the intermingling of its themes and the singing of "The Death of Nelson" by Bandsman Wernhim (name not on programme). This rendition quite startled the audience. The singer, we believe is untrained, but his enunciation was as clear as the proverbial bell, and he obviously possesses a voice of clearness, sweetness and quite extraordinary range. It was good—very good. Bandmaster Bradshaw's handling of his forces was, as usual, a vivid piece of personality. His conducting is always aimed at getting the best out of his men—and that means good music, and his men responded in no uncertain manner. Then there was a one act play—a farce—by Victor Bridges (? Bridges) of simple construction, designed principally to amuse, possibly to teach—the lesson being that people in glass houses should not wear coloured spectacles. It gave Mr. A. N. Lucey an opportunity to "show us" another side to his abilities as an amateur actor. His personation as a butler was a perfect vignette. It was Mr. Lucey sunk in the weaknesses of a butler partial to his master's cigars and wine, and able, at the right moment, to see the human weaknesses of his employers at what is known as the psychological moment. Miss Alyce Brennan and Mr. L. M. S. Lloyd were colleagues "on" and Mr. R. Foster "off" who assisted to make the trifle amusing. Miss Dallas Fraser in two cello solos, offered the light classical, and earned the quiet attention that preceded what might well be deemed a recall. Malini was Malini, and his committee of brightly clad ladies was a tribute to his sleight of tongue. Mr. Charles Olive's voice, rang through the Theatre in a Dickens impersonation (Scrooge), and vocal items followed in quick succession from Mrs. W. H. Ferry, Mrs. N. Matheson, Mrs. Douglas Reid, and Messrs. G. H. Piety, A. H. Lay, R. McCa, McKeown and E. A. Mustano. Mrs. C. Mancini led us in "Land of Hope and Glory" and was deservedly popular. Those at the piano were Mesdames Wood, Bonenfant and Hyde and Messrs. Clarke and Mason. We missed Mr. Hannibal's assurance that he does like an egg for his tea. From the Hon. Mr. Holyoak's neatly phrased speech we gathered that the day's efforts were likely to result in at least \$4,000 being raised, and that amongst others, Mrs. Aucott was to be thanked for arranging the sale of flags, Professor Malini for specially staying over to help, Mr. W. A. Dowley for arranging the concert, and Mr. L. M. Whyte for acting so efficiently and imperceptibly as Hon. Secretary. It is obvious there were others for the Theatre inside and out was a blaze of light and colour, whilst numbers of ladies sold programmes and "lollies" for the great cause. Hongkong, "home and beauty" had nobly done its duty, for, led by H.E. the Governor and party, it crowded the Theatre.

TWO FIRES.

A small fire broke out yesterday at 109A, Reclamation Street, used as a ratten shop. This was quickly extinguished by the Fire Brigade and practically no damage was done. A further outbreak was reported from Lachilok Road, the Lau Tan man being involved. The fire spread to an adjoining market, burning both out. The sheds were not insured, and the damage is estimated at about \$5,200.

SITUATION IN CANTON.

PRICES DAILY SOARING.

FATSHAN MERCHANTS DISARMED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, October 21. With business at a standstill in Canton it is almost needless to state that prices of necessities are going up and causing privation. As the native bankers are not transacting business the rice merchants cannot move supplies. Another obstacle to trade is the interruption to the regular tow-boat services, some of which, however, have resumed running. Very little rice is moving up into the interior and at up-country ports the cereal is fetching as much as \$30 per picul. Profiteers have also been quick to take advantage of the situation.

Shops in Canton are anxious to reopen their doors, but the difficulty lies in the absence of staffs, employees and even masters, having fled for fear of fines, raids and other forms of persecution.

Civilians Apprehensive. Although the city is quiet and to all appearances immune from attack, the civil population is still apprehensive that the troops will fight among themselves. The latest scare comes from a rumoured accusation against General Li Pook-lam's Cantonese regulars who are alleged to have enriched themselves by acting as mediators in the arms dispute and in the recent fighting. Yunnanese, Hunanese and other Cantonese contingents are said to be planning an invasion of Honam across the Canton river and really a part of Canton. Here General Li Pook-lam has been firmly entrenched for years having earned for himself the name of "Uncrowned King of Honam Island." Strength is given to the crop of rumours by his recall of several hundred of his troops from the Shuntak district where they have been on garrison duty after a recalcitrant magistrate had been evicted. General Li has a strength, all told, of about 3,500 bayonets.

At Fatshan the probability of fighting breaking out has been removed as the Merchants' Volunteers have dispersed. Merchants who were formerly on the strength have voluntarily (?) surrendered their arms to the Yunnanese garrison but no surprise should be occasioned if trouble starts through the soldiers making demands and imposing fines.

Fatshan is different from Canton in that there is only one faction of troops and there is no likelihood of the soldiers fighting among themselves. In Canton there is no telling if the leaders will squabble for the right to govern the "remains of the pillaged ashes." The situation is still critical but the civil administrators are endeavouring to pacify the different detachments.

Tung Wah Meeting. A public meeting was convened for this afternoon at the Tung Wah Hospital—Hongkong's leading Chinese institution of charity—to discuss Canton's distress.

Before any work of charity could be started investigation had to be made as to whether it would, under the circumstances, be advisable and if so, what ways and means could be adopted. Furthermore, if relief was to be given to sufferers, funds would have to be raised and an organisation set up to hand out the relief.

WEDDING BELLS.

POPULAR PRESSMAN REFUSES MR. PUNCH'S ADVICE.

GELLING-SALISBURY WEDDINGS.

Attended by fellow Pressmen and other friends, the wedding of Mr. John Heywood Gelling, late of the "Hongkong Daily Press," took place at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, this morning. Mr. Gelling is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair Gelling of "The Laurels," Crosby, Isle of Man, and his bride Elsie, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Salisbury, Clarence Road, Barrow-in-Furness, Lancs.

The Rev. G. Reginald Lindsay, M.A., was the officiating clergyman and Mr. D. K. Oliver the organist.

The bride was given away by Mr. A. Brookbank and wore a becoming gown of ivory crepe de chine, trimmed with orange blossom, and a veil of embroidered net finished with sprigs of orange blossom at either side. Her bouquet was of white lilies, pink roses, and maiden hair fern tied with silk ribbon.

Little Miss Molly Brown, the bridesmaid, was charmingly attired in cream georgette over cream crepe de chine and carried a basket of white and lavender lilies.

An estimate has been made that at least 50,000 refugees have come down to Hongkong although some think that the number is nearer 100,000. Yesterday's river boats were still bringing down full loads of passengers as if to make up for a shortage in freight offerings. Very few people are going up.

Purchase Of Protection. Every time trouble breaks out in Canton, the armed custodians of the peace are provided with new sources of revenue. As was the case before fighting commenced, traders had paid for the privilege of claiming protection from the various military factions, this protection being signified by the bestowal of a flag. To-day, Canton houses have set the fashion in announcing to the public that certain premises are "law-abiding." To obtain this distinction, payment is made to some general who, in return, provides a certificate which, in reality, is to denote that the shop in question is under the wing of that commander.

Below will be found two specimens with translations.

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司 湘
令 軍 安
毋 得 騷 擾 份 商 店

HUNANESE ARMY.
Notice by Commander-in-Chief (Tam.)

(Seal of the Hunanese Commander-in-Chief.)

(This is to certify that) this shop is peaceful and law-abiding. No disorder allowed here.

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BY ORDER OF THE CIVIL GOVERNOR
(Seal of the Civil Governor of Kwangtung.)

This is a peaceful and law-abiding shop. Military and Police must not create disorder here.

S.S. "HONAM."

LEAVES FOR CANTON TOMORROW.

This morning the Steamboat Co.'s s.s. "Honam" proceeded back to the wharf near the Harbour Office and she is due to leave for Canton, as usual, to-morrow morning. It will be recalled that about a week ago, the "Honam" had engine trouble after leaving Canton and put back but returned to Hongkong the next day, under her own steam.

Repairs have now been effected. The "Kinsan," another of the company's steamers, is due to go into dock for overhaul on Saturday.

The Matron of Honour, Mrs. A. Brookbank, wore a lavender crepe de chine dress and a white crinoline hat and carried a bouquet of white and lavender lilies.

Mr. F. Oliver, of the "South China Morning Post" was the best man.

HARBOUR RACE.

EVENT CONFINED TO CHINESE.

LEONG TIT-SANG WINS.

There was a thrilling finish to the Harbour Race for the Mok Cup, (open to Chinese) which was swum yesterday afternoon.

After leading from the start and maintaining for the greater part of the way a lead of between twenty to thirty yards, Leung Sul-man, last year's winner, was challenged by Leong Tit-sang just when the swimmers became plainly discernible to the crowds which thronged the water front on the Hongkong side.

Amidst great excitement the latter crept closer to the leader until, breaking into the trudgeon for the first time in the race, he finished first amidst a whirl of arms and legs. The arms of the two grasped the rope almost simultaneously; a fifth of a second was the official verdict.

Leung Caught Napping.

To the onlooker it appeared that Leung Sul-man had a good deal in reserve and that if he had any idea that he was being so seriously challenged he could have won comparatively easy. He glanced round when about twenty yards from the water front, but had left the final spurt until too late. Thus, for the first time a public race of the harbour was won by the use of the breast stroke.

The time was two minutes and ten seconds better than that in which the race was won last year. The winner (Leong Tit-sang) took 31 min. 52 4/5 secs; Leung Sul-man 31 min. 53 secs; Tong Tan-chue 32 min. 28 secs; Wong Kam-fan 34 min. 3 secs; Chung Yue-wing 36 min. 38 secs; Leong Hoe-yang 41 min 17 secs.

As only six entered it will thus be seen that all finished.

Of the course of the race little needs to be said. Several of the competitors appear to have allowed too much for the set of the tide which was coming in from the East; and of these Leong Tit-sang went farthest out. Until quite near the shore the only thrill which the spectators looked like getting was a fight for second and third positions as Leong Tit-sang and Tong Tan-chue, who had been together from the commencement, were still about level when the former started to challenge Leung Sul-man.

At a gathering in the dressing room after the race when the swimmers were receiving the congratulations of their friends, Mr. Wong Kau-ying, the Hon. Secretary of the Chinese Swimming Club, thanked the V.R.C. mentioning the Honorary Secretary, Mr. R. C. Wittichell, in particular for promoting the race and so ably carrying out the arrangements for it. It was one of the events which fostered the growth of friendly relations between the Chinese and the British.

CHILDREN'S FETE.

M. C. L. ARRANGEMENTS FOR SATURDAY.

Details are now to hand of the programme of the Children's Fete organised by the M.C.L. which is to take place at Volunteer Headquarters commencing 3 p.m. on Saturday. Everything points to a successful effort on behalf of the local and home charities to which the League makes this annual contribution.

Novel features this year are an aerial railway, provided by the Naval Branch, and a joy-wheel installed by the Kowloon Dock Branch, both of which are expected to be strong attractions. Other diversions are a gold-fish pond, roll bowl and pitch, a chute, Aunt Sallies, see-saws and swings, and a Punch and Judy Show. The grown-ups will also find amusement in a miniature rifle range, for which the Officer Commanding the Volunteers has kindly given facilities. Tea will be provided by the Peak Branch, while the Band of the 1st Bn. East Surrey Regt. will supply the music.

SIR J. JAMIESON.

EXPECTED AT CANTON NEXT MONTH.

Sir James Jamieson, Consul-General at Canton, is expected in Shanghai by the "Empress of Canada," due there on October 25. Sir James will remain in Shanghai until what is known as the Bank of Asia case, in which his evidence is necessary, has been decided by the British Court.

Sir James is expected back at his post in Canton about the middle of November.

CANTON CUSTOMS.

ALLEGED PLANS TO SEIZE THEM.

DR. SUN AND LABOUR.

That Dr. Sun Yat-sen will rely on assistance from certain labour guilds in a determined attempt to secure control of the Chinese Maritime Customs at Canton, is the allegation made by a Canton correspondent to the "Wah Tsz Yat Po" (Hongkong).

Commencing with a reference to the financial stringency on account of the pressing need of funds to finance the Northern Expedition, the article says that Dr. C. C. Wu (Foreign Minister), Wu Han-min (Chief Counsellor) and Liu Chung-oi (Civil Governor) were given orders to obtain control of the Canton Customs in five days. There was only one way to comply with Dr. Sun's instructions and that was for Foo Ping-sheung (Chief of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs and Superintendent of Customs) to order the Commissioner of Customs at Canton to hand over control to the Canton Government. This step, of course, continues the writer, was merely to gain time and to ascertain the attitude of the Consuls at Canton.

Accordingly the next step was to appoint Lo Kwai-fong in place of Foo Ping-sheung as Superintendent of Customs.

Plans Discussed. One plan would be to encourage, by means of propaganda, the people to refrain from making payments to the Maritime Customs. Another plan would be to enlist the aid of transport workers, stevedores, cargo coolies &c. in a campaign to avoid payments to the Maritime Customs. The inference is that cargo for merchants who declared to the Customs would be boycotted so as to render them helpless merchants who wished to conduct business as formerly.

Mention is also made in the article of the presence in Canton of eight foreign warships and it is also hinted that the Diplomatic Corps in Peking will take steps to protect the Customs.

MANILA RIOTS.

CONFLICTING REPORTS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Manila, October 21. The anti-Chinese trouble is spreading to the provinces, judging from reports received by the Chinese Consul-General. (How this morning, stating that several Chinese were wounded in rioting at Cabanatuan, 75 miles north of Manila. The rice mills belonging to Chinese firms there have been broken into and smashed.

A DIFFERENT STORY. Later. The rioting is apparently over, and the Chinese shops are beginning to re-open. What prompted to be a serious situation yesterday, due to the publication of a circular that 80 Filipinos at Shanghai have been slain, was averted by Speaker Roxas, who addressed a meeting of 10,000 Filipinos in the Botanical Garden of Manila and branded the reports as false. He pleaded for the observance of order. The meeting threatened to get out of hand several times, the crowd shouting "Burn the Chinese quarter!" A dialect paper publishing the canard was admonished and the copies of yesterday confiscated by order of Governor-General Wood.

GUARDS IN TROUBLE.

CHARGED WITH ABSENCE FROM SHIP.

That they had absented themselves, without reasonable cause, from their ship, the "Seistan," on October 19, was the charge preferred against two Sikh anti-piracy guards at the Marine Court this morning.

Sub-Inspector R. Shannon prosecuted. He applied for a remand till the return to Hongkong of the "Seistan."

The Magistrate (Lieut.-Commander G. F. Hole, R.N.) accordingly made an order for the case to be adjourned sine die; bail was allowed in the sum of \$25 each.

CHARGE OF ASSAULT.

ACCUSED ON BAIL.

Wong Woo, sub-contractor, was arraigned on remand, before Mr. B. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, for causing grievous bodily harm to Mak Chiu, a bricklayer, at Yau-mat on October 3.

Mr. H. C. Lee represented the defendant. The complainant was discharged from hospital two days ago after an operation, necessitated by his injuries. After hearing a portion of the evidence, the Magistrate remanded the case until October 26, bail of \$50 being exacted.

WAR IN CHINA.

WU PEI-FU ORDERS GENERAL ADVANCE.

FENGTIEN TROOPS ENTRENCH.

(Reuter's Service.)

PEKING, October 20.

No Chinese official reports were given out to-day, but a foreign telegram from Chinwangtao says the Fengtien forces retreated ten miles to their former entrenched position.

A later message says Wu Pei-fu has ordered a general advance.

Latest From Shanghai.

(Reuter's Service.)

SHANGHAI, October 21.

"Little" Hsu left here for Hongkong yesterday. On arrival there he will tranship for England. General Sun Chuan-fang has returned to Hangchow. Marshal Chi Hsieh-yun is not coming here. General Bei Pao-shan is in full charge.

Peking's Official Story.

The following communique is issued by Marshal Wu Pei-fu under date of October 19, received through cable and handed to the "China Mail" for publication.

Fighting to-day is still raging with unabated violence along Kiumun, where the enemy troops, under Chang Hsueh-liang, are being forced to advance under fear of fire from machine-guns in the rear. Their casualties have been appalling. Thousands, representing the pick of their troops and mostly non-Manchurians fall before our gunfire or are else mowed down by their own machine-guns should they retreat. Despite these cruel measures, their gains have been insignificant; while reaction, especially among the reserves, in the form of desertion and mutiny, is more apparent.

The 26th brigade of national reinforcements reached Santsakwan to-day and at once began artillery bombardments on the rebels, dislodging them from their positions in many places.

The enemy along Chen-so and Suichang has been severely tortured by naval raids which are being carried on nightly by our battleships. Meanwhile preparation has been planned for the landing of 2 divisions and 2 mixed brigades of national forces on the enemy's rear, under cover of naval guns. The location of landing is too strategic to be disclosed at present.

The enemy has sent us a despatch asking for an appointed time for the disposal of dead in his lines, which has been accumulated in vast numbers.

On the Jehol front, according to a telegraphic report from General Teng Cheng-kuo, the national troops have scored a further victory over the rebels and will join with other troops to continue their headway against the enemy. The Government has been authoritatively informed that there is no truth in the rumour that the Japanese are pro-Fengtien.

FEAR OF PIRATES.

MARTIAL LAW DECLARED AT PAKKAI.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

PAKKA, KONGMOON, Oct. 20.

Martial law was declared at this port on Sunday night on receipt of intelligence that pirates were planning an attack on us. No foreign gunboat is here, H.M.S. "Cicala" having gone to Canton. Clandestine negotiations for the release of seven members of the Customs staff at Gasmoon who were taken into captivity by bandits some time ago, have come to light.

In a raid on a nearby village, some soldiers captured the bandit chief. It is stated that the chief was willing to give orders for the release of the seven Customs men (natives) in exchange for his own liberty. Since then the chief has "escaped" and the surmise is that he was allowed to get away, ostensibly on parole, to effect the return of the unfortunate Customs employees.

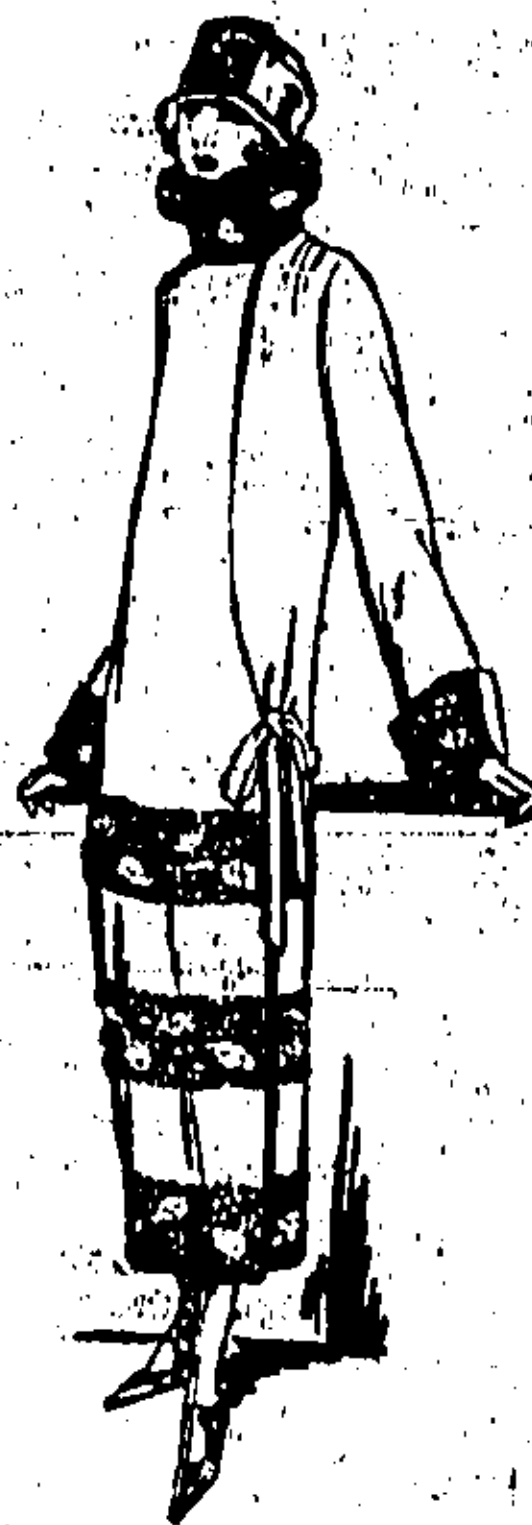
Intercourse with up-country ports has been resumed.

WASTING WATER.

CHINESE FINED \$15.

Lam Li-see, owner of house No. 117, Shanghai Street, appeared before Mr. B. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on a summons for "wasting water" to effect repairs to a water pipe in the back of the above address on October 3. He was fined \$15. He was further ordered to carry out the required repair within one week.

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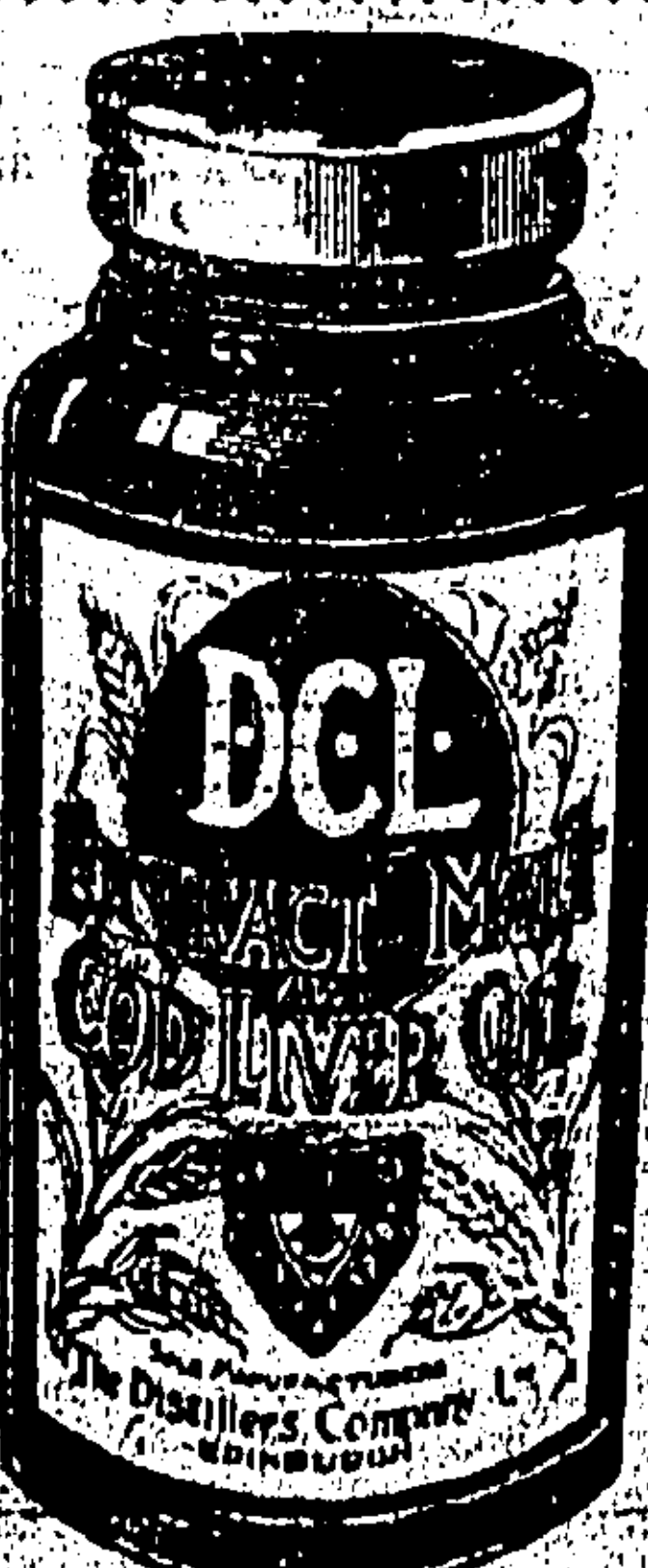
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HEALTH MATTERS.

GOVERNMENT'S REPLY TO
SANITARY BOARD.

"A BOARD OF LAYMEN."

A letter was laid on the table at the fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday, containing the Government's answer to the request of the Board early in September that the Board's functions be extended so as to enable it to become a Board of Health.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. N. L. Smith and other members present were the Director of Public Works (Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy), Dr. Ozorio, Mr. S. W. Two, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Dr. W. W. Pearce (Medical Officer of Health) and the Secretary (Mr. J. A. Fraser).

The letter was as follows:
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 1st October, 1924.

Sir,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter S. B. Q. No. 3297/1911 of the 11th September, 1924, and to reply as follows:

The Government will be glad to give careful consideration to any detailed suggestions put forward by the Board for the enlargement of its scope along the lines indicated by the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance No. 1 of 1903. I am, however, to make it clear that the Sanitary Board is not, in the opinion of the Government, responsible for the health of the Colony, the officer so responsible to Government being the Principal Civil Medical Officer. It is true that all the existing powers of the Board are indicated in section 16 of the Ordinance.

The Government have an indirect bearing upon the public health, but the somewhat wide powers given to the Board under sub-section 35 (1) of that section cannot, in the opinion of the Government, be interpreted as giving the Board the power to interfere in the rest of that sub-section, namely the powers to adopt routing measures generally aimed at the prevention and mitigation of certain kinds of disease.

It must be clear from the consideration of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance that the main objects of that Ordinance are to maintain a certain standard of cleanliness in the Colony, to safeguard the purity of the Colony's food supplies and to prevent overcrowding, etc., in tenement houses. To give practical effect to such objects, the connection of which with the public health must be apparent, the Sanitary Board, as at present constituted, appears to Government to be—and to have always been—a most valuable instrument.

But the Government cannot consent to entrust to such a body (whose particular value seems to Government to lie in its essentially lay and representative constitution) the more technical decisions upon which the Government would naturally desire to have the advice of an expert. Such matters, for example, as quarantine, or the steps to be taken in case of a serious epidemic, or the undertaking of any research that may seem necessary, will continue to be submitted to Government by the Principal Civil Medical Officer.

The Government has no desire to restrict the Board's privilege of seeking for information as to matters which have any bearing whatever upon the public health, and the existing practice whereby the Government for the benefit of any Government department may explain to the Board through the medium of the President its policy in such matters, appears to be valuable. But this privilege should not be interpreted by the Board as implying any authority on its part over matters which are outside the scope of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance or over such technical matters as, in the opinion of Government, should not be subject to the control of a Board of laymen such as the Sanitary Board is at present, and should in the opinion of Government, continue to be, if it is to perform properly the highly important duties with which it has been entrusted.—I am, Sir, Your Obedient Servant.

(Sd.) CLARENCE SEYMOUR.

Colonial Secretary.

Dr. Ozorio asked if the Board could discuss the letter.

The Chairman: I have no objection to a discussion. The letter is merely laid on the table. I thought it would be more in order, if any member had anything to say, if he would make it the subject of a motion. I think that is the usual procedure.

Dr. Ozorio: It has never occurred to me before that it should be done by motion. In that case I give notice of a motion that the paper be laid on the table for discussion at the next meeting. It is difficult to pick up any particular point and discuss it now. There are a lot of things I should like to say about it.

The Chairman: I will take that as a notice of motion.

WU PEI-FU.

CHIHLI MARSHAL LEAVES
PEKING.

ATTEMPT ON TRAIN.

Peking, October 11.—Marshal Wu Pei-fu and his staff left here by train early this morning for the Shanhaikuan front. Several Military Attaches and upwards of a dozen pressmen travelled by the same train. It was reported that the train would leave last evening at 10 o'clock but there was a wait at the railway station for seven hours before a start was made. Prior to Marshal Wu's departure General Chien Ping-chien left here by special train for Lanchow to prepare headquarters for Marshal Wu's arrival.

At midnight General Lu Chin, Minister of War, General Chung Hui-chih, Chief of the General Staff, General Nieh Hsien-fang, Commandant of the Peking Gendarmerie, arrived at the station. Marshal Wu did not arrive until 4 a.m. The streets along which he passed from the palace were strongly guarded by police and men of the 16th Division.



Marshal Wu.

General Chien Ping-chien left Peking at midnight and three other trains followed before the one in which Marshal Wu travelled. The first of these trains was entrusted with the duty of examining the track, the second carried Marshal Wu's body guard consisting of three rings of cavalry, one ring of infantry and one of gendarmerie. The third train carried Marshal Wu's entourage with the exception of the senior officers who travelled with Marshal Wu.

It is reported that Marshal Wu's train also carried upwards of \$1,000,000 to pay the troops at the front.

In the recent fighting at Shanhaikuan the 13th Mixed Brigade is reported to have suffered heavy casualties. The Commandant General Peng Yu-yung was killed. His body has since been taken to Tientsin. The latest reports from that front state that the Chihli forces have made some progress near Chihli. There is reason to believe that the Fengtien forces still hold that gate but efforts to drive them outside the wall again are being made.

There has been a complete lull at Shanhaikuan for a couple of days and the Chinese military authorities there think that the enemy contemplates an attack in the direction of Yiyuankou, due North of Chinwangtao, where there is a good road leading south.

The 26th Division is being sent to Shanhaikuan from Hsinho. General Wang Hui-ching has sent telegrams to Peking within the last few days speaking satisfactorily of the position in the direction of Pinghu and stating that his forces are marching towards Ling-yuan.

General Chang Fu-lai arrived here last evening and accompanied Marshal Wu to the railway station this morning.

"ENEMIES OF WOMEN."

BOOKING NOW OPEN.

The seat sale for "Enemies of Women" which opened to-day at Moutries and the "Star," shows a very eager desire of the film fans of the Colony to witness this remarkable film spectacle, which is claimed to be the most sensational and gigantic super-photoplay ever attempted. In announcing a full week's engagement of this film at the "Star," the management was just a little dubious of a film being able to hold up for an entire week at the "Star," but the already heavy demand made for seats throughout the entire week, assures a most successful engagement. The fact that "Enemies of Women" will not be shown on the Hongkong side, perhaps accounts for the many seats being booked at Moutries. Two shows will be given daily, a matinee at 5.30 and the night show will be given at 9.15. Reservations can be made for all performances.

Attempt On Train.

Tientsin, October 11.—Two boxes of explosives were placed on the railway line close to the Tientsin Golf Club on Friday night. The bombs were discovered by two Russian workmen early on Saturday morning, the men removing the bombs, and informing the Chinese authorities. They were detained for their trouble, and experienced what may mildly be termed as curious treatment at the hands of the Chinese police.

It is considered that the attempted outrage was the work of Fengtien spies, and that it was intended to blow up the train on which Marshal Wu Pei-fu was travelling from Peking to Lanchow.

The explosives were contained in two metal boxes, each having a quantity of yellowish powder inside. The boxes were on the inside, and there was a detonator with fuse attached to each box. Had the train gone over the detonator, the fuse would have been fired, and a second or so after the engine and tender had passed, the boxes would have exploded, wrecking the train.

A Mr. Makareff, employed at the Russian Model Dairy farm, discovered the bombs on his way to work in the early hours of Saturday morning. He was walking along the railway track, and on seeing the boxes at once realised their significance. Promptly he removed them off the rails, and then sent to the farm for another Russian named Kravonov, who stayed to watch the explosives while Makareff went to the Post Station to inform the authorities. Unfortunately he could not speak English or Chinese, and was at a loss to explain his discovery, when a French officer arrived, and gathered the meaning of his gestures.

A military guard was sent to take charge of the boxes, and the two Russians were detained. Exactly what the Chinese authorities hoped to do with the two Russians is a mystery. The men simply made the discovery, and reported the matter. They were kept practically prisoners from 6 in the morning, without food, until early in the evening, when Makareff was released, and told that he was to report again on Sunday. An Englishman who was at the station gave the men \$2 to buy food, and they were allowed to go with their guards to a shop near the station and eat.

Kravonov, we understand, is still detained. The authorities state that the men are not prisoners, but are detained as witnesses. They were closely questioned as to their discovery, and as to if they knew who had placed the boxes on the line.

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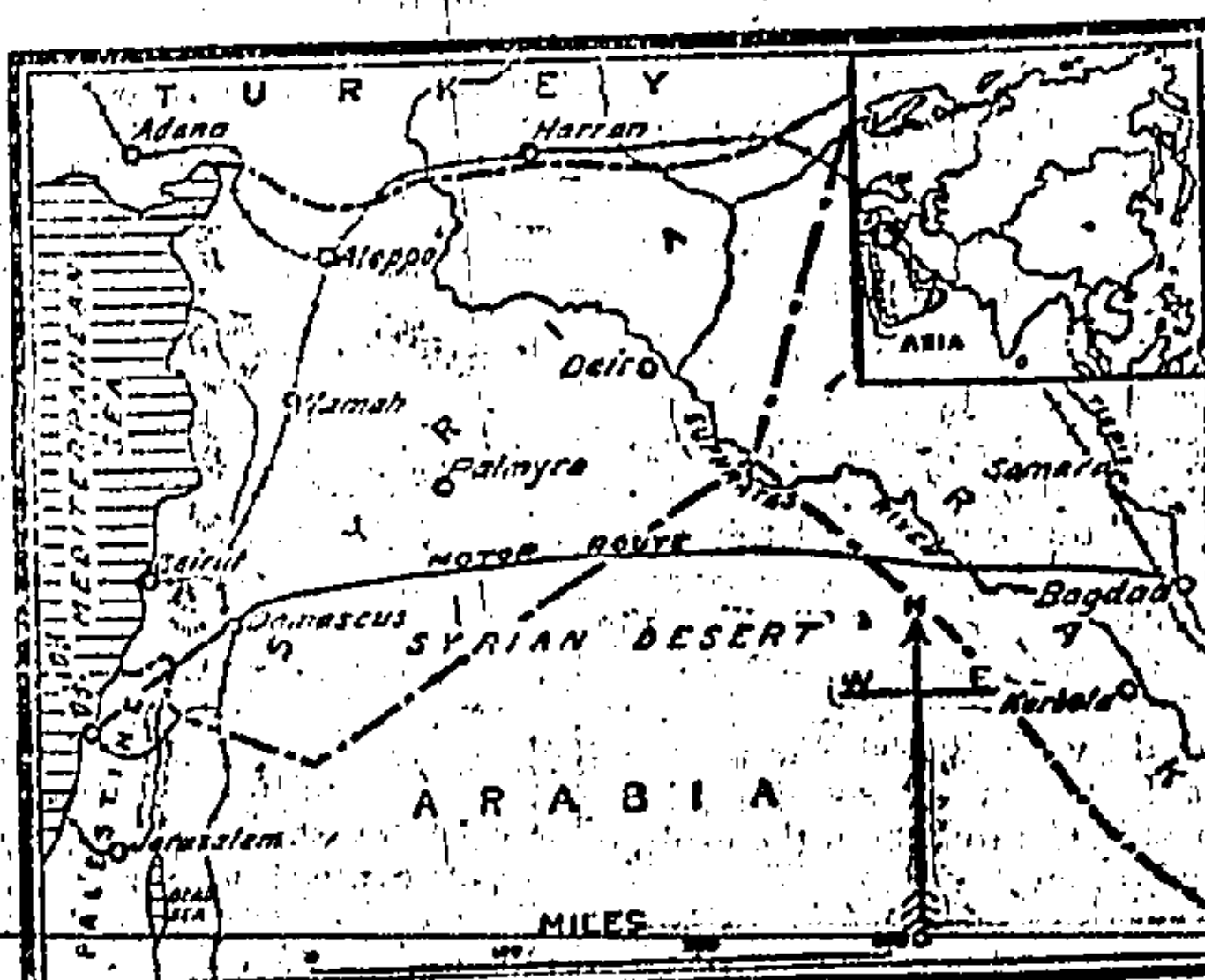
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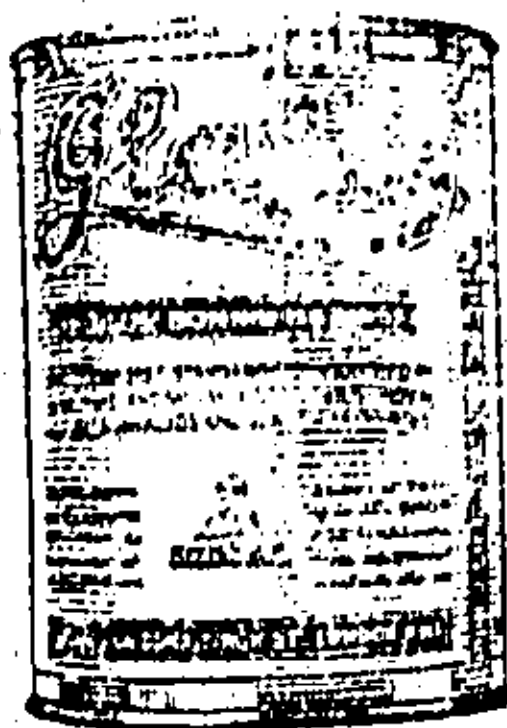
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ATTACK ON WOMAN.

PRISONERS GET FIVE
YEARS' JAIL.

Another case that came before Mr. Justice Gompertz, yesterday afternoon, was that of Cheong Shi and Cheong Chun, charged with robbing a Chinese lady of nine 100-rupee notes, Hongkong bank notes amounting to \$250, six sovereigns and four silver rupees.

Mr. Hazlerigg, for the Crown, said the woman identified the first prisoner as one who took an active part in the robbery. The woman's story would be corroborated by that of her child, who was eleven years of age. It was difficult to say how many men were concerned in the affair, and he proposed to put into the witness box two associates of the prisoners. As a sequel to information given by these two associates some smart work on the part of Inspector Hutchins resulted in these two men being arrested. The notes were found in the possession of the first prisoner, and were known to be the same notes as those stolen, because of the chop they bore on the back, which was the chop of the firm of the lady's husband.

At an identification parade the woman had no difficulty in picking out the first defendant from thirteen other men. The child also identified the first man, both failed to pick out the second.

Cheong Kuan Fung, married woman, residing at Tsim Sha Street, then gave evidence, and said that on September 13, she went to the stream to bathe her children. She just stripped off her clothing, when three men came towards her, two of whom were armed with knives. They said nothing to her but immediately seized her and searched her person, removing her money. They also took the children's clothing with them.

Pook Cheung, the eleven-year-old son of Cheong Kuan, was then called, and said that he recognised the two prisoners as the robbers of his mother. He said that the second man carried a dagger in his hand.

Two men alleged to have been previous associates of the prisoners were then called, and they gave evidence.

The jury found the prisoners guilty, and they were each sentenced to five years' imprisonment with hard labour.

"LITTLE" HSU LEAVES SHANGHAI.

LAST ADVENTURE ENDS IN FIASCO.

GENERAL BEI REACHES LUNGHUA.

A message received here last night states that Little Hsu (General Hsu Shu-cheng), accompanied by his 19-year old son, Hsu Dor-ling, left Shanghai by the "President Jefferson" bound for Europe.

His Last Adventure.

(From "N. C. Daily News")

SHANGHAI, October 16. Shanghai yesterday awoke to the startling news that 5,000 of Marshal Lu's troops had come under the influence of "Little" Hsu, entrenched themselves on the north-west boundary of Shanghai and were for resisting Marshal Chi to the utmost.

The rumours, referred to and contradicted by us yesterday that General Chang at the Arsenal had also turned against Marshal Chi, were again current but are wholly untrue.

Early in the afternoon "Little" Hsu was arrested when entering the Settlement in a motor, and is being detained, together with General Chen Yao-san, who first turned against Marshal Lu and then against Marshal Chi, and other officers.

This caused the situation. Further relief is likely from the arrival of General Bei Bao-shan, Governor of Haichow, who comes to take charge of the district for Marshal Chi. Some of his troops are already here.

"Little" Hsu's adventure has ended in a fiasco. He and Yang Hua-chao and other Anfu generals were arrested on entering the Settlement in a motor and are being detained to prevent them from using the defeated troops of Marshal Lu. Yung-hsiang for further disturbances in Shanghai and it immediate vicinity.

Chen Yao-san, and "Little" Hsu organized a military cabal with a view to preventing the peaceful entrance into Shanghai of Marshal Chi Hsieh-yuan and his troops. Their object was not a war measure, but was a mingling of spite and selfishness. When Marshal Lu Yung-hsiang departed from Lunghua he instructed Colonel Liu to hold the place until a responsible person presented himself. Chinese were wondering who was the responsible person. The military cabal announced that that person was General Hsu Shu-cheng, better known as "Little" Hsu, head of the Anfu military group and defeated by General Wu Pei-fu in the Chihli-Anfu War. There were two objects in selecting "Little" Hsu: first, he is a native of Kiangsu and therefore, it was felt that it might appeal to Kiangsu people to have as Tuchun a native of the province. Secondly, it was believed that both Tuan Chi-jui and Chang Tso-lih would support "Little" Hsu because of his intimate relations with both.

"Little" Hsu's boast, therefore that he had all the money and munitions required was accepted at face value.

Anti-Chi Cabal.

The conferences of the cabal were held in a house in Yates Road. It was not, however, until about 9 a.m., yesterday that "Little" Hsu finally accepted the command and sent instructions to those who had agreed to fight with him to entrench themselves outside of Marshal Road. The report that such a decision had been reached on Tuesday afternoon was not borne out by any of the evidence gathered yesterday.

General Yang Hua-chao, the

re-markable Fukien leader who had held the line against Marshal Chi in spite of superior forces, was at first disinclined to participate in the struggle. His efforts were to find some way of saving his troops. Mr. Yu Yeh-ching, chairman of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, offered to provide for his troops on condition that they would disarm and await negotiations with Marshal Chi. Yang Hua-chao at first accepted the offer, but a telephone message interrupted a conversation between himself and Mr. Yu. This message was from "Little" Hsu calling him to a conference. There, "Little" Hsu accused Yang Hua-chao of cowardice and disloyalty and offered to provide for his troops on condition that they should be his mercenaries. Finally, General Yang consented.

One of "Little" Hsu's main purposes was to be in a position to strike a bargain with Marshal Chi Hsieh-yuan. Already the Chikiang troops had asked for two months' pay. Now the generals were asking for reinstatement in the army, the cancellation of all warrants for arrest, the return of positions, honours, decorations etc. On those conditions they would lay down their arms.

It is believed in Chinese circles that the initial mistake in the scheme was the selection of "Little" Hsu as leader. He was at the head of the pro-Anfu military clique, which in 1918 negotiated the Nishang Accord. He had organized the production of Unga in such a way that it was

finally lost to the Russians. He ran away when Wu Pei-fu in 1920 struck at Tuan Chi-jui. He had often sought to become a factor in the affairs of Kuangtung, Fengtien and Chikiang. Everywhere distrusted, even members of his own party suspecting him of always looking out for Number One, he has been an exile for four years, moving from place to place, waiting nowhere.

The Chinese Government issued a warrant for his arrest and the Consular Body expelled him from the International Settlement. Nevertheless, he had a house in the International Settlement on Nanyang Road, where it is said he lived during the past two years, a quiet and retired life. The house on Yates Road has been the headquarters of all Anfuites and other associates of Marshal Lu when they preferred to work within the quiet boundaries of the Western District.

The fighting yesterday morning started with a little scuffle in the vicinity of the Kiangnan Dockyard. General Chang Yuen-min's troops took possession of the Arsenal, the Dockyard and the Ko Chiang Miao. Some of the soldiers of the 4th Division were still at the Dockyard but they were pacified. At Lunghua General Chang was in full control. He included some of the remaining troops of the old 10th Division among his own and treated them kindly. He sent a ying of his troops to the Police Headquarters at Nantao to assist the police to maintain order. Everything was quiet in Nantao by noon.

Entrenching in Chapel.

In Chapel, conditions were different. About 3,000 men entrenched themselves outside of Markham Road, prepared to fight any Kiangsu troops who came by railway and if possible to seize Marshal Chi's train. These men were still at their positions at sundown.

In the course of the morning, Mr. Wen Shih-tsen, Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, protested to the Consular Body against the use of the Settlement as a base for rebellious operations. He is reported to have demanded that "Little" Hsu should be arrested and handed over to Kiangsu authorities.

Desire to Avoid Fight.

Mr. Wen subsequently stated that Kiangsu was in control of the situation having the Arsenal and Lunghua and that "Little" Hsu's adventure could only damage the city and lead to disturbances. If Marshal Chi were forced to fight "Little" Hsu, it would have to be done. It was the original intention of Marshal Chi to keep the bulk of his troops at Chenju and to come into Shanghai with only one or two brigades of selected troops. Sufficient troops would be sent up from Sungkiang to protect the city and to take over. A telegram to that effect was received at the Kiangsu headquarters in Shanghai during the morning. The activities of "Little" Hsu, however, had forced Marshal Chi to send soldiers to Shanghai from all directions. These soldiers were, however, instructed to avoid a fight in the vicinity of the city, if they possibly could.

Marshal Chi Hsieh-yuan delayed his entry into the city, according to his personal representative, because he suspected a trap, when Marshal Lu and his adjutants left so suddenly. He desired the cabal to do its damage before he reached the city, otherwise there would have had to be serious fighting on the actual boundaries of Shanghai. He felt that the movement would explode and dissipate itself in a little time. Marshal Chi is expected in Shanghai to-day.

Arsenal Commander Interviewed.

In the course of the afternoon yesterday, General Chang Yuen-min reported that General Bei Bao-shan's troops were arriving at Lunghua. Together with a member of the staff of the Kiangsu Headquarters, (writes a representative of this paper) I went to Lunghua to meet General Bei Bao-shan. When we reached Lunghua, we called on General Chang Yuen-min, who gladly received us. General Chang is a kindly gentleman, tall, rugged, a hard fighter. The appointments at Lunghua were not what they used to be, but General Chang's men had cleaned up the place as well as themselves. Everything was spick and span.

"I am glad you came," General Chang said, "as we slipped a cup of tea." General Chang was in a miff and perhaps the most peaceful man in Shanghai at the moment. "I want this opportunity to deny a false and malicious rumour. My loyalty to Marshal Chi has been questioned. This is a grave charge against a military man and should not be lightly made. Its only object can be to create disturbances and to antagonize the Kiangsu people, whose guest I am."

Always Loyal to Chi.

"We are Hupeh troops. We have fought at the front. We managed to come to Shanghai and immediately take steps to protect the peace of the city and to maintain order. We have done the best we could in a strange city. Why should anyone question our loyalty?"

"I do not know Hsu Shu-cheng. I never saw him. I never communicated with him. I don't want to have anything to do with him. The man who circulated the story lied. Those who refused to believe it are my friends."

General Chang made some strong remarks about what ought to happen to the person who published these falsehoods, which might be omitted from this account.

Anyone who saw General Chang and who listened to him, is bound to believe him. He has an open face, a delightful manner. He is a soldier, pure and simple and knows none of the tricks of politicians.

From Lunghua we drove through masses of troops to the aviation field. The soldiers were cheerful and pleasant and were delighted with the new place. All were orderly. The 2nd Soochow Division had just come up from Sungkiang, and were preparing a tenting ground for themselves. We finally got to the aviation field where we expected to find General Bei Bao-shan's troops.

Telephoning to Gen. Bei.

Captain Wan met us. He spoke some English with a fine Shanghai brogue. He was as cheerful and assured as though he had won the whole war himself. We asked for General Bei or his chief military adviser. Neither were present, but Captain Wan would put us on the telephone as soon as he could get through. We waited about the place, watching the soldiers pitch their tents, eat some loaves of bread and enjoy the setting sun in a new city, far from the Haichow district where for so many years, they had fought bandits.

"What are all these stories we hear," Captain Wan asked. We recounted to him "Little" Hsu's doings.

"We showed them in the war that one of our men is worth a hundred of theirs. It was a hard fight and we won. If 'Little' Hsu wants trouble, he shall have plenty of it."

There was no mistaking his tone. He was there to see that nothing happened.

We Come for Peace.

The telephone bell rang. General Bei Bao-shan was speaking from Meichiau.

"I am glad to speak to a representative of the North China Daily News," he said. "I shall be in Shanghai to-morrow and shall see you then. I am sending four battalions to Shanghai to-day and we are well prepared for all eventualities. We want peace but we can meet disturbances. Tell the people that we come for peace. I am waiting for Marshal Chi's final instructions. I have two Mixed Brigades here, General Sun Chuan-fang has four, General Chang Yuen-min has three battalions at Lunghua. If there is any difficulty we shall meet it."

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Mrs. J. J. Wilder, of Plymouth, Vt., sister of President Coolidge's mother, is still hale and spry, though she has passed her eighty-second birthday. The photograph shows her with her husband attending the chickens on their little farm. Mrs. Wilder has sent quite a few of her home-grown chickens to the White House table for her famous nephew.

Miss Lois Wilson.



Screen star reported to be engaged to Mr. Bernard M. Baruch, Jr.

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GOLD SHIPMENT.

With 456 men and officers aboard as a guard the Argentine battleship Rivadavia recently arrived at Boston with \$2,475,000 in gold bullion, consigned from the National Shawmut Bank of Boston's correspondent at Buenos Aires. The picture shows the boxes of gold on the ship's deck.

Mr. Davis' Running Mate.



Mr. Charles W. Bryan, Governor of Nebraska, running mate with John W. Davis on the Democratic ticket.

MEN AND WOMEN IN THE NEWS.



JOHN A. STEWART, MANUEL QUEZON, JOHN ELLIS.

Manuel Quezon, President of the Filipino Senate, recently arrived in Geneva, Switzerland, to ask the League of Nations to admit the Philippines to membership. Quezon is leader of the Filipino independence movement. John Ellis, England's famous hangman, who suffered a nervous breakdown as soon as he quit hanging people last March, has been found in Rochdale, shot in the neck, with a revolver beside him. He will recover. Ellis hanged 200 persons, and quit after hanging Mrs. Edith Thompson, a murderess. He hanged Sir Roger Casement for treason during the World War. John A. Stewart, New York financier and broker, has just celebrated his 102nd birthday. When he was born there were no railroads. Society has lost its fascination for Mrs. George W. Vanderbilt, who has retired to her famous estate at Biltmore, N.C., to engage in the dairy business, personally supervising the care of her 200 head of blooded cattle. "I'm just a plain farm woman," she declares.

A Movie Favourite.



Thomas Meighan, who is now working on his next picture, "The Alaskan".

AMERICANS AT LEAGUE'S ASSEMBLY.



Overseers from the United States and members of the staff are pictured outside the door to the conference hall at the recent League of Nations assembly in Geneva. They are Mr. Wickham, Judge Clark and General Ellis.

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I'D GIVE A LOT TO BE ABLE TO TALK LIKE THAT.



DUKE OF WESTMINSTER.

(Continued from Page 3.)

It was clear, from the evidence, that from that time until the serving of that petition negotiations were going on between the solicitors with regard to a separation. How could it be that there was a concluded agreement if for all that period there were negotiations in regard to a separation? If there had been an agreement would there be anything to negotiate? Directly the divorce petition was served the Duke said: "You can no longer occupy my house. You have no right to come into my house, which is full of my things, and which has been my home for some considerable time before this marriage took place. You are asking the court to say that I have no right to come to my house, where all my things are, when I am in England."

His Lordship: If the lady says the house is her residence, in consideration of her living apart from her husband, it implies that the husband does not live there, too.

Mr. Bayford: This is a question of restraining a man from going to his house which is his property, and which is, in fact, the only house he lives in London.

His Lordship: The whole question is whether a sufficient case has been made out to justify the maintenance of what she says is the status quo.

Mr. Bayford said he submitted that in order to get an interim injunction the Duchess must satisfy two things: She must show that there was a serious question to be tried, which he did not dispute, and that there was a probability that she would succeed. The separation took place on January 29, and the Duchess returned to their common home in London. Negotiations with regard to their differences went on for months. During that period, although at very great personal inconvenience the Duke did not disturb her rights so that the negotiations might not be upset. Then the Duchess broke off the negotiations completely.

Mr. Luxmoore: There is no evidence about this at all.

Mr. Bayford: The evidence is that negotiations were going on from January until the time the petition was filed.

His Lordship: That, of course, broke them off.

DUKE'S PROPOSAL.

Mr. Bayford: Yes; she is now seeking a remedy quite contrary to what was the subject of the negotiations. She is asking for divorce, after which come her new rights as to alimony. What does the Duke do then? He says, "You cannot live in my house," and his solicitors, Messrs. Lewis and Lewis, write a letter on August 20 which it is material to consider at the moment. The letter stated:

"We have now heard from the Duke of Westminster that you have had the petition for divorce which you have filed on behalf of the Duchess of Westminster served on him at Mimms, and we shall enter an appearance on his behalf in due course. We have also been informed that the Duchess has suddenly, unannounced, returned from the Continent to London, taken up her residence at Bourdon House, and sent a message to Eaton (the Duke's Cheshire seat) that unless servants are sent up to her from Eaton she will get in there. You will doubtless inform her that she is not entitled to do this."

Now that the petition has been served upon the Duke of Westminster we are instructed to inform you that he proposes on his return to London to reside at Bourdon House himself, so that the Duchess must forthwith make arrangements to reside elsewhere. Our instructions as to this are peremptory and quite definite.

With regard to the question of alimony pendente lite, we are instructed to inform you that the Duke will be prepared to pay the Duchess alimony at the rate of £2,000 a year, free of income-tax, this amount being paid without prejudice to any question as to alimony or maintenance, which may arise after the suit is disposed of. In order that the Duchess may have money available for her requirements, we send you enclosed our cheque for £666 13s. 4d. in respect of the first monthly payment of alimony, from the date after the service of the petition.

You will, of course, inform the Duchess that she is not entitled to pledge her husband's credit, and that he will not hold himself responsible for any liabilities she may incur. We will be obliged by your informing us that the Duchess will leave Bourdon House at once.

Counsel added that the answer to that, if there had been any such agreement, ought to have been, "We don't want any alimony pending the suit. We are entitled to £10,000 a year, and the house."

The Duchess proposes to leave for America, and will be absent for about three weeks. The Duchess contends that she has a right to live in Bourdon House and retain a staff of servants there. On her return she intends to exercise her right to reside at Bourdon House.

PASSENGERS.

DEPARTURES.

Per P. & O. s.s. "Morea" on Oct. 18.—Mr P. Wood, Mr P. O. Jenkins, Mr E. G. Schary, Mr and Mrs R. Toovey, Master P. R. Toovey, Lt. Comdr. J. A. Hamilton, R.N. Mr M. Abo, Mr W. Hayward, Mr T. Frimodt, Mr A. B. Raworth, Mr and Mrs A. Dyer Ball, Master Dyer Ball, Mr and Mrs W. G. Feast, Mr A. E. Collins, Mrs H. W. Cuthertfordson, Mr H. C. Gray, Miss D. Wyon, Mr and Mrs A. Tikotsky, Mr J. Morton, Mr H. C. Harman, Mr M. C. Charma, Mr and Mrs M. Bouleau, Mrs Carpenter, Mr E. W. Coote, Mr Chen Hui Shu, Mr Ho Yen So, Mr and Mrs R. A. Beckner, Mr J. C. Ralston, Mr and Mrs H. Farmer, Mr T. S. L. Hadjee Habuk, Lieut. A. E. Horrell, R.N., Mr D. Mackenzie, Dame, A. Anderson, Mrs G. B. Schloss, Miss A. Butler, Mr J. S. Gray, Lt.-Col. J. G. Holliday, Mr and Mrs P. Markham, Rev. Father Purcell, R.N., Mr A. E. B. Lambie, Mr and Mrs C. Zumarán, Mr and Mrs G. W. Brockhurst, Miss Yamakita, Miss N. D. Quick, Miss E. A. Bradford, Mr S. C. D. Galloway, Miss M. Pearson, Mr L. Johnston, Mr S. Matthews, Mr and Mrs T. Powell, Mr and Mrs D. Mackintosh, Mr and Mrs S. K. Ng, Col. A. N. Hincey, Mr Teng Choe Ming, Mr and Mrs F. W. Smith, Miss K. Smith, Miss M. Smith, Lieut. S. W. Lushington, R.N., Mrs A. E. Cooper, Mrs C. W. McKenny, Mr and Mrs F. A. Collard, Mr S. W. Harris, Mr C. S. Lloyd, Mrs H. C. Pearce, Mr A. Onderwiltzer, Comdr. J. Kingcome, R.N., Mrs R. Kane, Miss Rosemary Kane, Mrs F. Scott, Mr H. Catherall, Mr B. Waters, Mr and Mrs R. Butler, Mr C. W. Starnes, Miss M. Martin, Mrs W. H. Daglish, Master Daglish, Miss Daglish, Mr and Mrs W. J. Wilde, Mr E. N. Flashman, Mr Z. Jewell, Mr Shin Yu Chien, Miss R. Oder, Miss L. Oder, Mrs John Grant, Masters G. and I. Grant, Miss H. Grant.

Per B. F. s.s. "Patroclus" on Oct. 21.—Miss M. Colman, Mrs A. M. Forrest, Master R. Forrest, Master V. Forrest, Miss D. Forrest, Miss Niven, Mr and Mrs A. B. Maynard, Mr E. Samson, Dr and Mrs L. Tandler, Mr J. Tandler, Mr C. Tandler, Mrs J. E. Hargreaves, Master E. A. Hargreaves, Mr and Mrs A. J. Stewart, Master A. W. Stewart, Master J. P. Stewart, Miss M. Stewart, Mr B. Barnett, Mrs C. D. H. Bergamini, Master J. V. W. Bergamini, Miss D. J. Bergamini, Mr D. G. Donald, Mr and Mrs P. C. Howard, Miss P. Howard, Mr C. Johnston, Mr C. H. Jokes, Mr L. G. Mathews, Miss E. A. Madge, Mr H. A. Shield, Mrs E. Turner, J. Whitelaw, Mr C. H. Westmoreland, Mrs H. Lipson-Ward, Mr and Mrs W. J. Clennell, Mrs Allen H. Stewart, Miss Betty Stewart, Mrs F. R. C. Surplice, Mrs H. O. Holt, Master Peter Holt, Captain, and Mrs G. C. Dickens, Capt. F. T. Wheeler, Miss Shannon, Mr A. W. Hay.

There was no suggestion in that said counsel, that there was an agreement to pay £15,000 a year. When the Duchess's maid returned to Bourdon House she found that the servants were on board wages, and in these circumstances there was no dinner provided in the ordinary way. The servants had to provide their own food. This had given rise to a report that the maid had been kept without food.

Mr. Luxmoore, replying, said that the whole point was, "Is the Duchess entitled to live at Bourdon House?" It was perfectly plain that had the petition for divorce not been presented she would have remained in occupation.

His Lordship, in delivering judgment, said he would refrain from saying anything that would prejudice the trial of the plaintiff succeeding. The motion before him was that the Duke should be excluded.

Mr. Luxmoore: No, no, my lord. The Judge: It is in effect, it was based upon an agreement under which the Duchess alleged that she was to have the occupation of the house, at any rate so long as she was the wife of the Duke, and possibly longer. That, in effect, was a claim to the occupation of the house by the lady as a right, to the exclusion of the husband. Such an application, excluding a man from his own house, the contents of which were his property, could only be granted on very strong grounds of convenience and expediency. After considering all the facts and the offer of the Duke to provide the Duchess with other accommodation until the divorce proceedings could be brought to a close, he was clearly of opinion that it was not a case in which he would be justified in granting an injunction in the terms of the notice of motion in order to preserve what was claimed by plaintiff to be an existing state of things.

On the application of Mr. Bayford, the motion was dismissed.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, October 22, 1924.

On London	100/0
On demand	100/0
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On 6 months	100/0
On 12 months	100/0
On 18 months	100/0
On 24 months	100/0
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On 300 months	100/0

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

Hongkong 50 cents sub. 2 1/2 pm.

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HONGKONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1908-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 8 inches below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

October 20 to 26, 1924.

Hour	High Water		Low Water	
	Time	Height	Time	Height
Mon. 20	10.45	10.4	4.15	4.1
Tue. 21	11.45	11.4	5.15	5.1
Wed. 22	12.45	12.4	6.15	6.1
Thu. 23	13.45	13.4	7.15	7.1
Fri. 24	14.45	14.4	8.15	8.1
Sat. 25	15.45	15.4	9.15	9.1
Sun. 26	16.45	16.4	10.15	10.1

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

OCTOBER 22. 11 A.M.

BANKS. Stock Exchange. Sharebrokers Association.

H.S.B.C. T.T. selling rate 2/6

and on Shanghai 2/6

Hongkong Bank 115 1/2 London 213 1/2 n.

Chartered Bank 115 1/2 London 213 1/2 n.

P. & O. Bank 115 1/2 London 213 1/2 n.

East Asia Bank 115 1/2 London 213 1/2 n.

Marine Insurance 730 b.

North China Insurance 140 n.

Union Insurance 240 b.

Insurance Company 240 b.

China Under 11 b.

Far Eastern 11 b.

Fire Insurance 180 b.

Hongkong Fire Insurance 180 b.

Shipping 80 n.

H.K. Steamships 40 b.

Indo-China (Pref.) 36 n.

do. (Def.) 118 b.

do. (H.K. Reg.) 118 b.

Shell Transport 80 n.

Star Line 104 1/2 n.

Hongkong Tug and Lighter 104 1/2 n.

Oriental Nav. Co. 120 n.

Societies 385 b.

China Sugar 41 b.

Malayan Sugar 41 b.

Kian Mining Adv. 70 n.

Langkats 5 s.

Shanghai Loans 118 1/2 x. rts.

Shai Explorations 5 s.

Ranch 48 n.

Ural Coal 10 n.

Benguet Coal 10 n.

Shai Explorations New Issue 23 n.

Docks, Wharves, Godowns 20 n.

H. & K. Wharfs 107 n.

H. & K. Dock 118 1/2 n.

Shai Dock 118 1/2 n.

New Engineering 118 1/2 n.

H. K. Engineering 118 1/2 n.

Shanghai Hotels 118 1/2 n.

H. & K. Hotels 118 1/2 n.

H. & K. Developments 118 1/2 n.

China Buses 118 1/2 n.

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Kowloon Lands 118 1/2 n.

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Princes Building 118 1/2 n.

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Ewo Cotton Mills, Ltd. 118 1/2 n.

Kung Yik 118 1/2 n.

Leong Kung Mow 118 1/2 n.

Orientals 118 1/2 n.

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HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.

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ISSUED AND FULLY PAID UP: \$20,000,000

RESERVE FUND: \$2,500,000

